

Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

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Proposed Date of Interview: August 31 Proposed Time: 11 (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:
 (1) Telephonic (2) Personal (3) Video Conference

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Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>§§ 102, 103</u>	<u>1+2</u>	<u>6,859,213</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	<u>6,963,901</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Continuation Sheet Attached
 Proposed Amendment or Arguments Attached
 Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

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[Independent claims 1 and 2... similar amendments would be made to the other independent claims]

(Support is provided in parenthesis and corresponds to the published application)

1. A method for providing email that enables a recipient of the email to navigate readily through a set of web pages associated with the email, comprising the acts of:

composing an email to be sent from an originator to a recipient[[:]], comprising:
the originator selecting from an originator email program an entry point URL for at least one thread, the at least one thread being a list of URLs for the set of web pages, each URL in the at least one thread opens and displays in a recipient web browser a corresponding web page and a link to a subsequent URL in the at least one thread such that the recipient can navigate through the set of web pages in a preferred order specified by the originator; (Figs. 3A, 3B and 4, and paragraphs [0021], [0022] and [0024])
displaying on an originator web browser a web page designated by the entry point URL; (Fig. 4 and paragraph [0025])
saving the URL that identifies the displayed web page to the at least one thread; (Figs. 3A, 3B and 4, and paragraph [0025])and
choosing to continue the at least one thread by specifying a subsequent URL, the originator web browser displaying a web page corresponding to the subsequent URL and saving the subsequent URL that corresponds to the subsequent displayed web page to the at least one thread(Figs. 3A, 3B and 4, and paragraph [0026]);
~~in response to input of the originator, generating a web page navigation that includes a plurality of uniform resource locators and a preferred viewing order in which web pages identified by the plurality of uniform resource locators are to be viewed by the recipient;~~
associating the ~~navigation~~ at least one thread with the email (Figs. 2, 3A, 3B and 4, and paragraphs [0021] and [0024]); and
sending the email and the ~~navigation~~ at least one thread to the recipient (Figs. 2, 3A, and 3B, and paragraph [0021]).

2. A method for guiding a recipient of an email readily through a set of web pages associated with the email, comprising the acts of:

receiving an email with at least one thread, the at least one thread being a list of URLs for the set of web pages which were previously viewed by an originator in a preferred order, each URL in the at least one thread opens and displays in a recipient web browser a corresponding web page and a link to a subsequent URL in the at least one thread such that the recipient can navigate through the set of web pages in the preferred order of the originator (Figs. 2, 3A, 3B and 4, and paragraphs [0021]-[0024];
~~receiving a web page navigation associated with the email;~~
selecting in the email an entry point URL to a web page designated in the at least one thread as a starting point to begin viewing the set of web pages in the preferred order of the originator (Figs. 2, 3A and 3B, and paragraph [0023]);
~~passing the web page navigation to a web browser; displaying in the recipient web browser a web page corresponding to the entry point URL and a link to a subsequent URL in the at least one thread (Figs. 2, 3A and 3B, and paragraph [0021] and [0023]); and~~
choosing to continue viewing the set of web pages in the preferred order of the originator by selecting the subsequent URL, the recipient web browser displaying a web page corresponding to the

subsequent URL and a link to a subsequent URL in the at least one thread (Figs. 2, 3A and 3B, and paragraph [0021] and [0023]).

and

~~displaying by the web browser a preferred viewing order in which web pages identified by the web page navigation are to be viewed;~~

~~wherein the preferred viewing order is included in the navigation.~~

We believe that the proposed amendments narrow the claims sufficiently to overcome the applied art (e.g., U.S. Patent No. 6,859,213 (Carter) and U.S. Patent No. 6,963,901 (Bates)). For example, Carter discloses using an email attachment program to send web pages to a recipient. Currently the Board response and your Office Action interpret the attachment bar of the email program as reading on the claimed web page navigation that includes a plurality of uniform resource locators in a preferred viewing order (the order the author of the email chose to upload the attachments).

We propose amending claim 1 to distinguish the process of *providing email that enables a recipient of the email to navigate readily through a set of web pages associated with the email*, from Carter's process of using an attachment bar of an email program to send an email with attachments. For example, Carter's process of composing an email does not allow a user to select an origination URL from the email program, open a web browser displaying the origination URL, save the URL that identifies the displayed web page to a thread and continuing the process in a similar manner until the thread contains a set of web pages to be viewed by a recipient in a preferred viewing order.

Additionally, we propose amending claim 2 to distinguish the process of *guiding a recipient of an email readily through a set of web pages associated with the email*, from Carter's process of a recipient opening email attachments in the order they were uploaded. For example, in Carter's process the recipient is not presented with subsequent links in a preferred viewing order on the recipient's browser, and thus the recipient has to refer back to the recipient's email program for the links and the preferred order of viewing the links.